

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A gaming machine comprising:

a liquid crystal display device including: a liquid crystal panel; and a light guiding plate in which formed with a light transmission area through which passes light and disposed at a rear of the liquid crystal panel, and configured to guide light emitted from illumination means for the liquid crystal panel to the liquid crystal panel;

a variable display device disposed at a rear of the liquid crystal display device and opposing to the light transmission area, and including a plurality of reels provided in a row each on which a plurality of symbols are arranged;

light emission means disposed in a proximity of the light transmission area on a side of the reel;

a drive unit configured to drive the light emission means; and

a protective member configured to cover the drive unit and having an outer shape so as to be distant from the drive unit at a predetermined distance or more.

2. The gaming machine as claimed in claim 1, wherein the protective member is configured to cover a light emission part of the light emission means and to diffuse the light emitted by the light emission part.

3. The gaming machine as claimed in claim 2, wherein the protective member is formed in a shape to diffuse the light

emitted by the light emission part.

4. The gaming machine as claimed in claim 2, wherein the protective member is formed of a material that diffuses the light emitted by the light emission part.